THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): Some recurrent snage experienced by Indian Airlines in the operation of Airbus A-320 aircraft relate to smoke in cabin, pressurisation system, hydraulic system, auxiliary power unit, nose steering system and radome. Some teething problems are generally associated with the induction of any new type of aircraft. A task force has been set up by the Indian Airlines to analyse the recurrent snags and take remedial action.

Production of price decontrolled Medicines

1483. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that with the introduction of the Drug Prices Control Order 1987, the pharmaceutical industry in the country has reduced production of controlled drugs and is concentrating on the manufacture of decontrolled drugs with no profit limits; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The overall production of controlled drugs has not gone down.

1484. [*Transferred to the 27th March*, 1990]

1485. [*Transferred to the 28th March*, 1990]

Disinformation campaign against Air India in USA

1486. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the campaign going on in the United States against the national carrier, Air India as reported recently in the Wall Street Journal; and

(b) if so, whether any protest has been lodged with the US Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The report originated from a study team of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

(b) No, Sir. Since the US Government is not responsible for the publication, no protest has been lodged. Air India is taking appropriate action in consultation with their lawyers in the USA.

Talcher Super Thermal Power Project

1487. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of Talcher Super Thermal Power Project is likely to be completed;

(b) how much amount has been spent on it so far; and

(c) what is the funding pattern envisaged for the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The two